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RE: Docket No. 98N-1265

Dear FDA Administrators,

As a consumer of health care services, I want to register my concern and disapproval of the Memorandum of Understanding as published by the FDA on January 21, 1999..

As prescribed by my physician, I take hormone replacement therapy (natural, made from plant products) which has proven to be more beneficial to health and to have many less invasive side effects than the artificial (progesterone (premarin), made from horse urine!) products.

Please do not restrict the rights of physicians and patients to obtain healthcare products from the provider of their choice. Also, do not infringe on the rights of compounding pharmacists to serve the publics medical needs.

In its present form, the MOU, as well as the Compounding Section 503A of the Modernization Act, severely restricts these rights of the physicians and patients to obtain healthcare products from the provider of their choice. As a healthcare consumer there should be no restrictions to the delivery of compounded medication prescribed for me, regardless of where I live or travel. The MOU must be amended!!!

The FDA is an agency of the U.S.Government that purports to be the "watchdog" for consumer safety. THIS IS NOT A SAFETY ISSUE!! As a governmental agency, the FDA also has a responsibility to be accountable to the people. Once again, **the MOU must be amended!!**

Respectfully yours,

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